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NOTE VERBALE DATED 14 MARCH 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 11 and 13 March 1994, there appear to have been 6 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,525.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(11-13 March 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1542	11 Mar.	0500	0515	AWACS and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft made radar contact 20 kilometres north of Doboj heading south-east. Contact was lost 12 kilometres north of Doboj. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east 80 knots Low
1543	11 Mar.	1000	1623	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC from Divulje (Split) to Novi Bila and return. The flight became a violation when, on inspection by UNPROFOR personnel, it was observed that approximately 20 armed soldiers disembarked the helicopter at Novi Bila. The helicopter departed Novi Bila at 1600 hours, and NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact 5 kilometres west of Vitez, heading south-west. NATO fighter aircraft lost contact 3 kilometres north of Tomislavgrad. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	East then south-west 115 knots 8,000 feet
1544	11 Mar.	1447	1500	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white and blue helicopter 11 kilometres north of Gorni Vakuf heading north-west. 13 minutes later the same helicopter was observed heading south-east and landing at Stipici (15 kilometres north of Gorni Vakuf). The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west then south-east Slow Low
1545	11 Mar.	1550	1600	UNPROFOR personnel observed a low flying white and blue MI-8 helicopter 11 kilometres north of Gorni Vakuf, heading north. The same helicopter returned 10 minutes later and landed at Stipici. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North then south Low Slow
1546	12 Mar.	1055	1445	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC from Pale to Zvornik and return. It became a violation at 1135 hours when, after a short time on the ground in Zvornik (2 minutes), the helicopter violated its flight plan by taking off earlier than scheduled and flying in the direction of the north-east (the direction to Pale is south-west). NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with the same helicopter south-east of Zvornik before contact was lost in the vicinity of Banja Koviljaca (15 kilometres north-east of Zvornik). The helicopter landed at 1445 hours in Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low
1547	13 Mar.	0808	0809	United Nations military observer personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter flying in the vicinity of the Zvornik bridge, heading north-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow 200 feet